

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 889 - SB 1224

March 22, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to provide parents, guardians, and students over the age of 18, a written explanation of the goals and capabilities of any digital-learning platform that shall be used during the academic year. Sets forth what the explanation shall include. Prohibits the use of a digital-learning platform or any digital instructional content from being used unless the platform includes a portal or other mechanism that allows parents and guardians total access to the platform and all of the content available to the student users. Requires all data that is collected on a student through the use of a digital-learning platform to be destroyed at the end of the course in which the platform is used. Authorizes students who are 18 years of age and older and parents and guardians to opt out of the use of a digital-learning platform, unless the school certifies that the platform is essential to the school's educational mission with an explanation of the basis for such certification.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Additional communications relative to the use of digital learning platforms will be done in the normal of business, primarily at the beginning of each academic year.
- LEAs that use digital-learning platforms should have this information available through the terms of service with its vendor.
- Any modifications to an existing contract will be done within the existing resources of the local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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